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By this letter Phillips 66 is requesting suspension of certain Consent Decree requirements and enforcement discretion for other Clean Air Act or state air regulations. The requirements noted here are those which of are of immediate concern. Phillips 66 notes that other issues may be identified as it continues to assess the impact of the storm at its facilities. Phillips 66 will notify the addressees of this letter of other issues as they become apparent.

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Subject: Conoco Phillips Force Majeure Letter Re Hurricane Harvey

Attachments: P66 FM Ltr 2017.tiff; 2107 Harvey 1st FM notificationunsigned.pdf

Attached please find Phillips 66 Force Majeure letter related to Hurricane Harvey and its known and anticipated impacts on our Sweeney, Texas, Lake Charles, Louisiana and Belle Chasse, Louisiana (Alliance) refineries. I have attached a signed "TIF" file and an easier to read "pdf" unsigned copy.

I can be reached at 281-785-6030 if you have questions.

Certified copies have been prepared and will be sent out tomorrow if the local post office is open. Otherwise I will try again on Friday or Saturday.

For those of who whom I know personally, I am blessed to report that my home and family are dry and well.

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